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SUGGESTION AWARDS COMMITTEE SPECIAL PANEL OF THE
CLANDESTINE SERVICES MEETING, 24 January 1967

SUGGESTION NO. 67-5A: dated 7 July 1966

[REDACTED]
Clandestine Services, CI Staff

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SUBJECT: Dissemination of President Johnson's Speech
of 30 June 1966.

A. Summary

The suggester attached a copy of the President's 30 June 1966 speech at Omaha (TAB A) and rated it of particular significance to the Clandestine Services because of the very precise coverage it gives to one favorite Communist clandestine service activity--terrorism. He suggested that the speech be printed for circulation in the Agency and made available in all foreign languages for distribution through both clandestine and overt channels.

B. Evaluation

1. Chief, [REDACTED] CA Staff did not consider the proposal to be practical; CIA's mission in the covert action field is limited to activities not attributable to the U. S. Government. A Presidential speech is obviously attributed to the U. S. Government; its distribution is therefore a matter for USIA, not for us. We did reproduce the full text of the speech in the 5 July issue of PRESS COMMENT (distributed to all field stations with propaganda potential). It is assumed that the speech was widely reported by the foreign press and radio anyhow.

2. CA Staff did not agree with the suggester's belief that the speech would impress the clandestine services of Communist nations (or any other Communists, for that matter). For a well indoctrinated Communist, any statement made by an "imperialist" leader is ipso facto a lie, deception, a fraud. Moreover, the passages in the speech, dealing with guerrilla warfare, are--while forcefully put for the actual audience in the U. S.--too brief and general to make a deep impression on hard-core enemies.

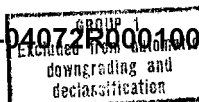
C. Special Panel Recommendation

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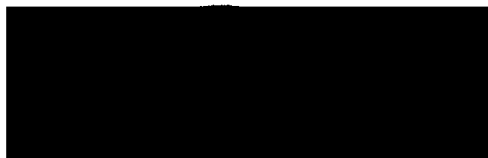
D. Decision of the Chairman, Suggestion Awards Committee

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Alternate Chairman
Suggestion Awards Committee

Att
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